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1. The former KAG subsidiary in Schmiedeberg, Saxony, now called Werk Schmiedeberg, a subsidiary of the Mühlenbau Zschachwitz-VEB, Dresden-Zschachwitz (VVB MZMZ), has not had materials for eight days. The workers are engaged in cleaning up the plant, since lay-offs are not permitted.
2. The Sachsenwerk SAG Niedersiedlitz has recently engaged solely in the manufacture of radio parts. On 1 April 1951, the plant dismissed 600 workers.
3. The Gaswerk Reick, Dresden, was obliged to dismiss 20 workers on 15 March 1951 and twenty additional workers on 1 April 1951.
4. The VEB Zeiss-Ikon in Dresden is suffering from an acute shortage of material.
5. The Kamera-Werkstätten (VVB Mechanik), Niedersiedlitz, has stopped production because of an acute shortage of material. The 500 to 600 workers of the plant have not been dismissed so far, because their dismissal has not yet been granted.
6. Because of the shortage of material, the paper industry in Leipzig is employing no more than a total of 10,000 part time workers.
7. The Dresden Labor Office (Arbeitsamt) has issued instructions to its employees, on the basis of which all industries are to employ at least 60% women and no more than 40% men. The men are to be gradually screened out and placed in key industries, such as the Wismut A.G. and the Hüttenkombinat-Ost in Frankfurt/Oder.
8. As a result of the shortage of material, the VEB concerns will not be permitted to employ new workers. Solely the Wismut A.G. and the key industries will employ new workers.
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are 20,000 unemployed in Dresden alone. This amounts to approximately 10% of the able-bodied population of Dresden.

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